

## **Grand March Variations**

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I got interested in looking for Grand March variations. A Grand March is always good for big parties. Either beginner dances or community dances. YouTube had probably 20 pages of videos. I picked out seven that I liked and included some comments.

The first one is a Library of Congress video in the dancing style of the late 19th century. It is suitable for small groups of dancers. ([Click here](#)). The second one is similar. ([Click here](#)) Both of them are more the formal style of Grand March. I love the costumes.

The third one is a scene from a movie named “Ft Apache”. ([Click here](#)). The pattern seems to be the one used most frequently at dances I’ve attended. At square dances, it’s used to setup squares from each line of eight. In the fourth example ([Click here](#)) it’s used to setup contra lines.

The fifth video is from a special annual square dance. ([Click here](#)) I really like the variations used in this Grand March. The dancers obviously are used to doing a Grand March.

The last two are simply just cool. The first one is a show group named the United German Hungarian Dancers. ([Click here](#)) It is formal set piece and very well done. I’m tempted to write it down and teach it to Colorado Dancers. Does anyone recognize the recording?

The second video I simply watched in amazement. The Europeans do so much better dancing than we do in the U.S. Imagine the amount of rehearsal time that proceeded this performance. ([Click here](#))

Here is a piece of music that was written for square dance event Grand Marches. ([Click Here](#)) It plays for 8.5 minutes.

Here is a patriotic medley that plays for a little over 6 minutes. ([Click here](#))

Here is another medley that includes pop tune that fits nicely with the medley above. Click here. It also runs 6 minutes. ([Click here](#))

At a big event, I cue up the two medleys above and play them one after the other.